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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence


SUBJECT: Updates on CSCE, TNF and SALT II & III

1. I'm getting nervous about the pace of the arms control movement. (C/NF)

a. I'd like to get up to speed on CSCE and the fall meeting-- what it's chances are, what the implications are for us, and what the alternative positions are that the United States should take. I'd like to see if we couldn't develop some kind of paper on this to be helpful to the policymakers.

b. I think the Russians are getting away with murder on the TNF issue. They took an obdurate position; Schmidt came to Moscow; they backed off to a more reasonable position; they're getting all kinds of credit for being great guys; the onus has shifted to us. I wonder if we don't need to pull something together on what the pitfalls are on this one. In any event, I'd like to have a discussion on it. (C/NF)

2. I'm also nervous about SALT II and SALT III. I can't pin down just why I am nervous. Perhaps just a discussion here that we've been postponing for some time would be helpful. Clearly, we're not going to go into SALT II again until after the turn of the year. I'd like to understand what really would have to be done at that time to get it back into shape for consideration. (S/NF)


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